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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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Date of Interview: 10 February 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1-10.


Identification of prior art discussed: Kohler.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant and examiner discussed proposed claims (after-final) in view of prior art of record. It appears to examiner that proposed claims may not overcome prior art of record, specifically single gesture for each home appliance.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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 Jayanti K. Patel  
 Primary Examiner

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